MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This is a very small department so far as the staff and number of appointments are concerned. When recruitment was made some time back, the Government stipendiary students had to be provided for and some non-official workers in the co-operative movements given preference. Due consideration will be given to the claims of all unrepresented communities in filling up vacancies or new posts which may have to be filled up in the department, efficiency always being the main consideration.

Statement, by caste, of Proverthikars in the State.

91. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other castes among the present Proverthikars in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The particulars required by the member brought up to the close of 1103 are given below:—

Brahmins	...	35
Nayars	...	301
Catholics	...	1
Jacobites Mar Thoma Christians	...	3
Protestants	...	...
Ezhavas	...	1
Mahomedans	...	...
Vellalas and other castes	...	60
	Total ...	401

Four places were vacant. Information as to the number of Vellalas and Jacobite and Mar Thoma Christians, among the Proverthikars, has been called for from the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by the Dewan Peishkars.

92. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Thodupuzha*): In regard to the permanent appointments and acting appointments of more than three months' duration made by, or on the recommendation of, each of the present Dewan Peishkars during the last two years (1102 and 1103), will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other castes so appointed?

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